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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants thank Examiner's Dana Shin and Heather Calamita for the courtesy extended Applicants' representatives Teresa Liang and Brenden Gingrich in the telephone interview conducted on February 9, 2011. The rejection of all pending claims as obvious over Gewritz, Patel, Yacyshyn, Sachetto and Bennett was discussed. Applicants' representatives argued that pouchitis is a distinct disease from Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and that even if the Examiner has provided a reasonable hypothesis for testing the use of an enema containing antisense to ICAM-1 for treating pouchitis, the Examiner has not established that there is a reasonable expectation of success. The Examiner argued that although the disease etiology for pouchitis, UC and CD may differ, pouchitis was viewed as one of IBDs by some artisans and that all three have elevated ICAM-1. During the interview, Example 17 of the specification was pointed out for unexpected results. No agreement was reached.